

BENJAMIN GIBBS.

JANUARY 3, 1832.

Mr. NUCKOLLS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the application of Benjamin Gibbs, beg leave to report:*

That, at the last session of Congress, when this case was referred to the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, a favorable report was made thereon, to which this committee refer, and adopt as their own.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to which was referred the petition of Benjamin Gibbs, submitted the following report:*

It appears, in this case, that the petitioner was the innocent purchaser of a final settlement certificate, dated "State of New York, January 20, 1784," and signed by "John Pierce, Commissioner," purporting to be for "four hundred" dollars, payable, with interest, at six *per cent.* from the first day of January, 1783, to David Johnson, or bearer; that the petitioner sold the same to one David Rice, and said Rice to one Simmes; that it was presented at the Treasury Department, and there pronounced to be a counterfeit or altered certificate, having been originally issued for twenty-five dollars and sixty-two ninetieths, instead of four hundred dollars; that the petitioner, after a protracted lawsuit with Rice, was obliged to take back said certificate; and that *Berry*, of whom he purchased, was insolvent, and that he has lost the whole amount: whereupon, the petitioner prays that he may be paid the amount for which said certificate originally issued, and the interest thereon, the same never having been paid by the Government; which prayer the committee consider reasonable, and that it ought to be granted; and report a bill for that purpose.

